Criteria for fixing Price Index on Drugs

688. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 265 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th March, 1985 and state:

(a) What were the prices of each of the twelve bulk drugs in 1970-71 which constitute the basket on which the price index is based;

(b) What were the prices of formulations based on each of these drugs in 1970-71;

(c) what was the mark up allowed on the formulations on each drug under Drugs Price Control Order; 1970;

(d) how many of these drugs are under existing Drugs Price Control Order alongwith their names and what is the price fixed by Government for each drug.

(e) how much mark up is allowed on formulations based on each drug as per existing price control order and what are the prices fixed by Government for formulations based on each drug.

(f) whether it is a fact that neither Sodium Salicylate and Benzle Procaine Penicillines are produced nor used; and

(g) if so, how price-index can be justified?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) (a) to (g) Information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Amendment in the Indian Divorce Act

689. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to make suitable amendments in the Indian Divorce Act of 1869 in order to keep pace with changing times; and

(b) if so, what are the details to this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN): (a), No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Sale of Rehydration Salts

690. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total sales turnover of rehydration salt in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that these salts are used very commonly specially by the children;

(c) whether it is a fact that these salts are sold at very high prices;

(d) whether it is a fact that most of the manufacturers are not marketing as per W.H.O. formula;

(e) if so, what steps Government are taking to make the drugs of standard quantity available at reasonable prices;

(f) whether it is also a fact that his Government propose to remove rehydration salts form price control; and

(g) if so, on what basis such a decision is being taken?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Trade sale of rehydration salt during the year ending May, 1985 was Rs. 819.66 lakhs.

(b) These are used whenever symptoms of dehydration arise.

(c) These salts are not specified in the price controlled Categories, namely Category I to III of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

(d) and (e) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

(f) and (g). Do not arise, as these are not now price controlled.

Information of bulk drugs in form No. 6

691. SHRI HAYATULLA ANSARI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 every manufacturer has to provide yearly information on Form No. 6 in respect of turn over of bulk drugs and formulations as well as value and consumption of imported/ indigenous raw materials and bulk drugs;

(b) whether it is also fact that it is mandatory to submit the form six months after the closing of the year;

(c) if so, how many companies submitted From 6 during 1981-82, 1982-83 and 1983-84 alongwith the names of the companies; and

(d) what is the turn over of bulk drugs and formulations as well as consumption of imported raw materials and bulk drugs as provided in form 6 by Glaxo, Hoechst, Scarle, Wyeth, Roche, Bayer, Burroughs Wellcome, Boots, Wockhardt, Sandoz, Warner Hindustan, Fairdeal, German Remedies, Richardson Hindustan during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b). Eevry drug manufacturing unit, within six months of the close of his accounting year, is required to submit to the Government information for that year in Form-6 giving the details of bulk drugs consumed/sold by him, their sales turnover, bulk drugs imported by him, their value and similarly turnover of formulations manufactured and purchased by him along with certain other details.

(c) 56 Drug Companies submitted details in Form-6 for one or more of the three financial years of such companies during period referred to.

(d) Information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Price of Garamycin drugs

692. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the prices approved for Garamycin Ear/Eye drops, Garamycin Eye Ointment and Garamycin Injection and at what prices these medicines are sold in the market;

(b) what is the bulk drug price on the basis of which the prices of above medicines were fixed;

(c) whether it is a fact that Gentamycin is available at much lower price than the price taken into account while working out the prices of formulations;

(d) whether price was verified from purchase invoices;

(e) what is the quantity of Gentamycin purchased by the manufacturers of above medicines during the last three years, year-wise alongwith the purchase price; and on the basis of what price, the prices of above medicines were fixed;

(f) whether any amount was collected from the company on account of difference in price under Equalisation Fund account; and